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TWO KC MEN INDICTED FOR CRACK COCAINE, FIREARMS VIOLATIONS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Kansas City, Mo., men were indicted by a federal grand jury today for their participation in a conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine.

Johnny Guess, 25, and **Reuben Boone**, 32, both of Kansas City, were charged in a seven-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Guess** and **Boone** participated in a conspiracy to distribute more than 50 grams of crack cocaine between Aug. 1, 2004, and Nov. 15, 2004. According to the indictment, **Boone** was in possession of a firearm in connection with the conspiracy.

Counts Two, Three and Four of the federal indictment allege that **Guess** distributed five grams or more of crack cocaine on three separate occasions – on Nov. 12, 2004, and twice on Nov. 15, 2004.

Count Five of the federal indictment alleges that **Boone** was in possession with intent to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine on Nov. 15, 2004.

Count Six of the federal indictment alleges that **Boone** was in possession of a Ruger .45-caliber semi-automatic pistol and an E.A. Co. 223-5.56-caliber semi-automatic rifle on Nov. 15, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Boone** has a 1998 criminal felony conviction for trafficking in Jackson County, Mo.

Count Seven of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count, which would require **Guess** and **Boone** to forfeit to the government any property derived from the proceeds of the alleged

offenses, including \$95 seized from **Guess**, \$2,560 seized from **Boone** and \$1,380 seized from **Boone's** residence.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen D. Mahoney. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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